



The Old Ironsides Report

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'Perceptions' important when it comes to relationships

Story and photo by Sgt. Shauna McRoberts, 1AD PAO
BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division's 8th Finance Battalion, the 1AD Band, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company participated in equal opportunity training recently in a class held at Baghdad International Airport.

More than 100 officers, noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted Soldiers were present for the hour-long class that covered fraternization and improper relationships.

This class is an annual training requirement for all Soldiers.

"We want to make sure we educate you on what you can and cannot do, and who you can and cannot entertain a relationship with," said 1st Sgt. Percy Black, HHC first sergeant.

The class, taught by Sgt. 1st Class Lucia Cantu, the division equal opportunity advisor, went over the different types of relationships that are prohibited by Army regulations. It also covered commanders' options in dealing with improper relationships and what has changed and not changed with Army EO policy.

Most Soldiers are aware that the Army prohibits certain sexual relationships: relationships between officers and enlisted Soldiers, between NCOs and junior enlisted Soldiers in the same direct chain-of-command, between married and single Soldiers, and between two married (not to each other) Soldiers.

However, improper relationships are not limited to those of a sexual nature, Cantu said.

Other improper relationships include: a business relationship between officers and enlisted Soldiers, a relationship between Soldiers of different ranks where preferential treatment or favoritism is displayed or appears to be displayed, a relationship that compromises the chain of command, or any relationship that creates an adverse impact on unit discipline, authority, morale or mission accomplishment.

Gambling between officers and enlisted Soldiers is also prohibited.

Cantu made it clear that commanders can stop personal relationships based on perception and not necessarily facts or evidence.

"Out here, your business is everyone's business," she said. "Everyone in (this class) has their own opinion of what a professional and unprofessional relationship is. Everything starts with perception. If perception is there, it can create conflicts and hurt the mission."

"Soldiers should know that perception can lead to an investigation."

If a commander learns of an improper relationship, he or she has several options. The relationship can be dealt with by counseling or education, or a commander can impose more extreme punishments under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

"Also, if you are a sergeant first class or above and you



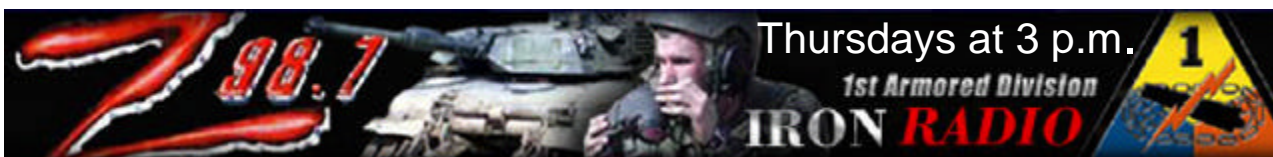
Sgt. 1st Class, Lucia Cantu, 1st Armored Division's equal opportunity advisor, conducts EO training with Soldiers from 1 AD's 8th Finance Battalion, the 1AD Band, and HHC, 1AD. The class, held May 12 at Baghdad International Airport, covered fraternization and improper relationships.

are investigated for having an improper relationship, the division commanding general will know," Cantu said.

Cantu told Soldiers that improper relationships should first be addressed at the lowest level.

"Speak with your platoon sergeant, first sergeant or commander," she said. "The equal opportunity office will not pursue anything unless your chain of command is already involved."

Cantu also advised Soldiers to seek guidance if they have questions. They can also learn more about fraternization and improper relationship policies in Army Regulation AR 600-20 and Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-35.



Thursdays at 3 p.m.

1st Armored Division

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NEWS...

Bomb Kills Head of Iraqi Governing Council

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The head of the Iraqi Governing Council was killed in a suicide car bombing near a checkpoint outside the coalition headquarters in central Baghdad on Monday, dealing a blow to U.S. efforts to stabilize Iraq ahead of a handover of sovereignty on June 30. A roadside bomb containing sarin nerve agent also exploded recently near a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt confirmed Monday, saying two explosives experts were treated for "minor exposure" but no other casualties were reported.

Palestinians Flee Refugee Camp in Gaza

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) - Palestinians fled homes in a refugee camp Monday as Israeli tanks cut off the area from the rest of the Gaza Strip in preparation for what is expected to be a major Israeli military offensive. In the West Bank, hundreds of Israeli troops began dismantling an unauthorized settlement outpost, scuffling with Jewish settlers who set nearby fields on fire and blocked roads with piles of sand.

Rice Meets With Palestinian Prime Minister

BERLIN (AP) - National security adviser Condoleezza Rice stressed that the United States is committed to bringing about Palestinian statehood during talks Monday with Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, a Palestinian delegate said. A senior U.S. official said that Rice had urged the Palestinians to make more progress on political reform and security, and stressed that Washington views Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as a "negative and unhelpful" factor.

Same-Sex Couples Marry in Massachusetts

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Gay couples began exchanging marriage vows here Monday, marking the first time a state has granted gays and lesbians the right to marry and making the United States one of four countries where homosexuals can legally wed. Tanya McCloskey, 52, and Marcia Kadish, 56, of Malden went at a breakneck pace to fill out paperwork, get a waiver from the three-day waiting period, then return to city hall - where they got their marriage license and exchanged vows.

Thought for the day...

Character Counts

According to Barbara Bradley, a correspondent for National Public Radio, news reporting is a tough business that encourages reporters to 'blur the lines' between right and wrong.

She makes a point to tell aspiring journalists that "journalism is just a career, and why mortgage your character for a career?"

Maintaining your character counts for something and you can do it; it's just a decision you have to make. "When tempted to take a 'moral short cut', remember that what is traded away for short-term gain cannot be regained again with the same."

Ask your motor sergeant...

Hummer Shows Signs of Losing Its Swagger

By DANNY HAKIM, New York Times

DETROIT — The Hummer, the loudest and proudest of the giant American sport utility vehicles, is showing signs of losing its swagger.

Sales of the flagship Hummer H2 have fallen for eight consecutive months, and 24 percent in the first four months of the year, compared with the same periods a year earlier. G.M. has resorted to rebates and financing deals, which have become standard for every Detroit brand but Hummer. Inventories piled up as Hummers sat unsold 62 days on average in the first quarter, compared with 15 days a year earlier. And G.M. is now using leases, which are less lucrative than sales, to move a quarter of its volume of H2's, according to J. D. Power & Associates.

"I know in some parts of the country it became the poster child for large S.U.V.'s for people who didn't like them," said dealer Jim Lynch, who has sold Hummers for a decade.

"I know they're burning them in California," he added, referring to the arson of a dealership last year.

Dealers and analysts say rising gas prices are contributing factors for the vehicle, which gets about 11 miles per gallon and has a smaller gas tank than some rivals. For the last two years, fuel economy has been among the top 10 complaints of Hummer owners in J. D. Power's initial quality surveys.

But other giant-sized S.U.V.'s showed signs of sales weakness only in April. To most analysts, the Hummer's main problem is that the H2's success was as a flashy new motorized toy whose time came and went.

G.M. is betting the brand will be revived next year by the H3, a smaller Hummer in the \$30,000 range.

"We look at the higher-end S.U.V.'s as really being fashion statements," said Wes Brown, an analyst at Iccology, a market research firm in Los Angeles. "It had its moment in the sun when everyone had to have one. And now, that's it. It's done."

G.M. owns the brand's retail rights, but Hummers are built by AM General, a privately held company based in South Bend, Ind., that also builds military Humvees. When Hummer was introduced more than a decade ago — Arnold Schwarzenegger bought the first one — it was little different from a Humvee and it sold for \$100,000 and up.

But in 2002, G.M. brought Hummer to a wider audience with the \$50,000 suburbanized H2 with creature comforts like heated seats. It was a roaring success. It sold for more than a year with almost no incentives, which has been offering free financing deals or \$4,000 rebates on other vehicles.

Now Hummer lags other luxury S.U.V.'s in several categories tracked by Edmunds.com, an automotive data company, including how long it takes dealers to move vehicles off their lots.

Dealers say a new pickup truck version of the H2, coming this month, the H2 S.U.T., will revive sales. They consider the H3 the brand's savior.

Certainly, Hummers are passionately loved and hated.

To detractors, they are symbols of the nation's soaring oil consumption. Hummers are so large that they are not regulated by fuel economy standards governing most vehicles.

The Sierra Club sponsors -- www.hummerdinger.com -- a satirical site lampooning Hummers for, among other things, getting less than half the mileage of a Model T Ford.

Today in history...

May 18, 1980: MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTS

HISTORYCHANNEL.COM -- At 8:32 a.m. PDT, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness.

Called *Louwala-Clough*, or "the Smoking Mountain," by Native Americans, Mount St. Helens is located in the Cascade Range and stood 9,680 feet before its eruption. The volcano has erupted periodically during the last 4,500 years, and the last active period was between 1831 and 1857. On March 20, 1980, noticeable volcanic activity began again with a series of earth tremors centered on the ground just beneath the north flank of the mountain. These earthquakes escalated, and on March 27 a minor eruption occurred, and Mount St. Helens began emitting steam and ash through its crater and vents.

Small eruptions continued daily, and in April people familiar with the mountain noticed changes to the structure of its north face. A scientific study confirmed that a bulge more than a mile in diameter was moving upward and outward over the high north slope by as much as six feet per day. The bulge was caused by an intrusion of magma below the surface, and authorities began evacuating hundreds of people from the sparsely settled area near the mountain. A few people refused to leave.

On the morning of May 18, Mount St. Helens was shaken by an earthquake of about 5.0 Richter magnitude, and the entire north side of the summit began to slide down the mountain. The giant landslide of rock and ice, one of the largest recorded in history, was followed and overtaken by an enormous explosion of steam and volcanic gases, which surged northward along the ground at high speed. The lateral blast stripped trees from most hill slopes within six miles of the volcano and leveled nearly all vegetation for as far as 12 miles away. Approximately 10 million trees were felled by the blast.

The landslide debris, liquefied by the violent explosion, surged down the mountain at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. The avalanche flooded Spirit Lake and roared down the valley of the Toutle River for a distance of 13 miles, burying the river to an average depth of 150 feet. Mudflows, pyroclastic flows, and floods added to the destruction, destroying roads, bridges, parks, and thousands more acres of forest. Simultaneous with the avalanche, a vertical eruption of gas and ash formed a mushrooming column over the volcano more than 12 miles high. Ash from the eruption fell on Northwest cities and towns like snow and drifted around the globe within two weeks. Fifty-seven people, thousands of animals, and millions of fish were killed by the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

By late in the afternoon of May 18, the eruption subsided, and by early the next day it had essentially ceased. Mount St. Helens' volcanic cone was completely blasted away and replaced by a horseshoe-shaped crater-the mountain lost 1,700 feet from the eruption. The volcano produced five smaller explosive eruptions during the summer and fall of 1980 and remains active today. In 1982, Congress made Mount St. Helens a protected research area.

OLD IRONSIDES PRESENTS...



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FRIDAY, 21 MAY 2004

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004				As of: Sunday, May 16, 2004 4:34:31 AM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - CRIMES OF PASSION	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		0:00
0:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	0:30
1:00	AROUND THE HORN		SHANGHAI NOON	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	1:00
1:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				1:30
2:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	2:00
2:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	2:30
3:00	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES - OHIO 250	MLB - CHICAGO WHITE SOX @ CLEVELAND INDIANS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - POLAR OPPOSITES	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	3:00
3:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - CULTURE SHOCK/ F.U.N.		CBS EVENING NEWS	3:30
4:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - WHACKING DAY	SAGWA	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	4:00
4:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - TRUST ME	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		4:30
5:00			MONK (TVPG): - MR. MONK GOES TO THE CARNIVAL	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	5:00
5:30	ESPNEWS					5:30
6:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - CONF. FINALS GM 5 (IF): CALGARY FLAMES @ SAN JOSE SHARKS	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ER (TVPG): - CHAOS THEORY	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	6:00
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BIOGRAPHY: HENRY FORD - HENRY FORD	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	7:00
7:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	7:30
8:00		HEADLINE NEWS	ARACHNOPHOBIA	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	8:00
8:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		8:25
8:30	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS				8:30
9:00		SESAME STREET			NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	9:00
9:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		9:13
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	SAGWA	CINEMA SECRETS (TVG): - ROAD RAGE	ARTHUR (TVY): - THE WORLD RECORD / THE CAVE	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - QUAILMAN VS. THE WHACKHAMMER		10:30
11:00	MLB - MINNESOTA TWINS @ TORONTO BLUE JAYS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - POLAR OPPOSITES	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - ELECTION	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - CULTURE SHOCK/ F.U.N.	ALL THAT!	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - WHACKING DAY	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - TRUST ME	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL 3: THE FINAL THREE	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30				PACIFIC REPORT		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	ER (TVPG): - CHAOS THEORY	7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
15:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	TODAY	BIOGRAPHY: HENRY FORD - HENRY FORD	MAID IN MANHATTAN	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30	NHL 2NIGHT					15:30
16:00	NHRA AUTO RACING - SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN NATIONALS: FINAL ROUND		ARACHNOPHOBIA			16:00
17:00		ARTHUR (TVY): - THE WORLD RECORD / THE CAVE		PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - QUAILMAN VS. THE WHACKHAMMER		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - ELECTION	CINEMA SECRETS (TVG): - ROAD RAGE		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		ALL THAT!	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - POLAR OPPOSITES			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - CULTURE SHOCK/ F.U.N.	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:30
20:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - WHACKING DAY	BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - TRUST ME			20:30
21:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM WORLD SUPERBIKE - RACE 1 (MONZA, ITALY)	7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME	AMERICAN IDOL 3: THE FINAL THREE		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
22:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - CONF. FINALS GM 5 (IF): CALGARY FLAMES @ SAN JOSE SHARKS	MAID IN MANHATTAN	ER (TVPG): - CHAOS THEORY		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00			BIOGRAPHY: HENRY FORD - HENRY FORD	AMERICA'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS (TVG):	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30